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AREA 88

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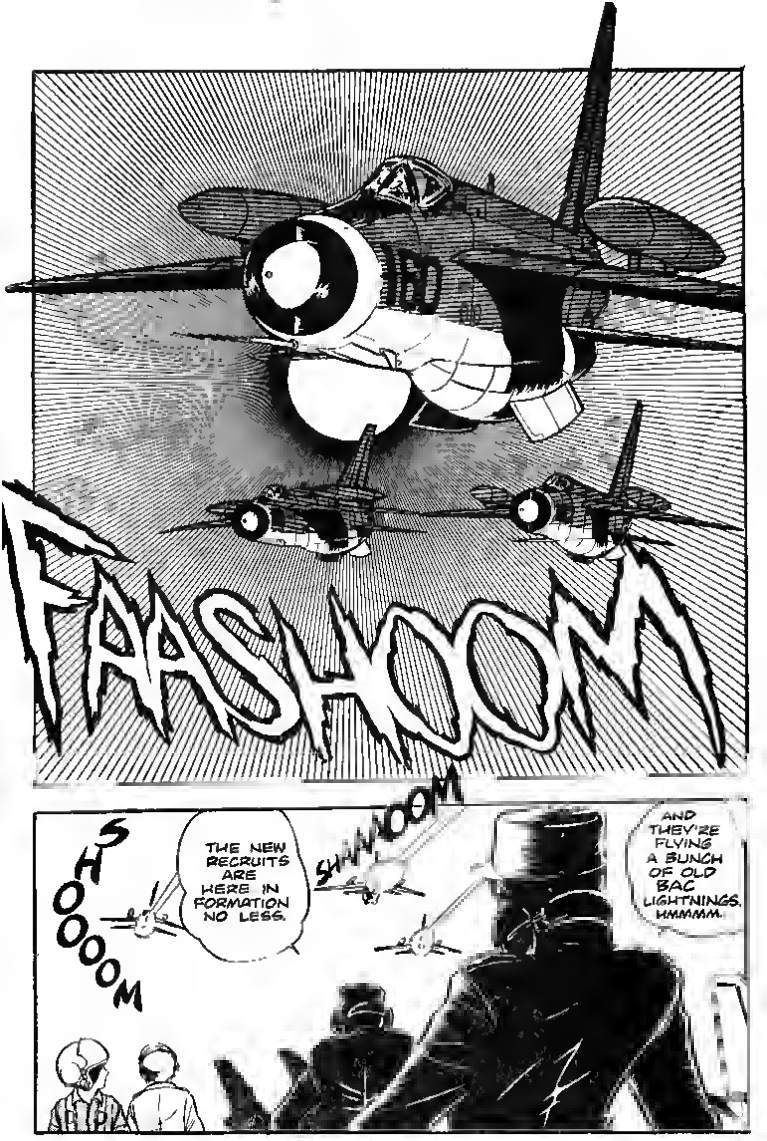
Doubt and Defeat Shatter Shin's Dreams... Must the Long Nightmare Begin All Over Again?

VIZ COMICS


FFASHOOM
SHOOOOM
THE NEW RECRUITS ARE HERE IN FORMATION NO LESS.
SHHHOOM
AND THEY'RE FLYING A BUNCH OF OLD BAC LIGHTNINGS. HMMMM.

MISSION 10

Longing at Dawn

SCANNED BY
HIKARU

HMMMM...
THREE BLACK PILOTS
I'LL BET THEY CAME HERE BECAUSE THE CENTRAL AFRICAN CONFLICTS DON'T PAY AS MUCH.
McCOY, WHERE'S SHIN?
HE HASN'T COME BACK FROM THIS MORNING'S SORTIE.

WHAT ?!
BUT HE JOINED THE NIGHT OPERATION YESTERDAY !
HE'S BEEN WORKING WITHOUT SLEEP, THEN. THAT'S AMAZING!
HEY, SAKI !!
WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE IS THIS?! WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO STOP SHIN? HE'S BEEN WORKING TOO MUCH!
MICK, EACH INDIVIDUAL CAN DECIDE WHICH OPERATION TO JOIN AND HOW LONG TO WORK. IT'S NOT MY JOB TO SAY ANYTHING WHEN A PILOT UTILIZES HIS OWN FREE TIME AFTER ASSESSING HIS STRENGTH AND STAMINA...
IN ORDER TO LEAVE AREA 88, YOU EITHER SURVIVE YOUR FULL TERM OF THREE YEARS OR BUY OUT YOUR CONTRACT FOR ONE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.
OR YOU CAN DESERT. ACCORDING TO SHIN'S ACCOUNTS, HE ONLY NEEDS 20 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO REACH THAT ONE AND A HALF MILLION FIGURE.
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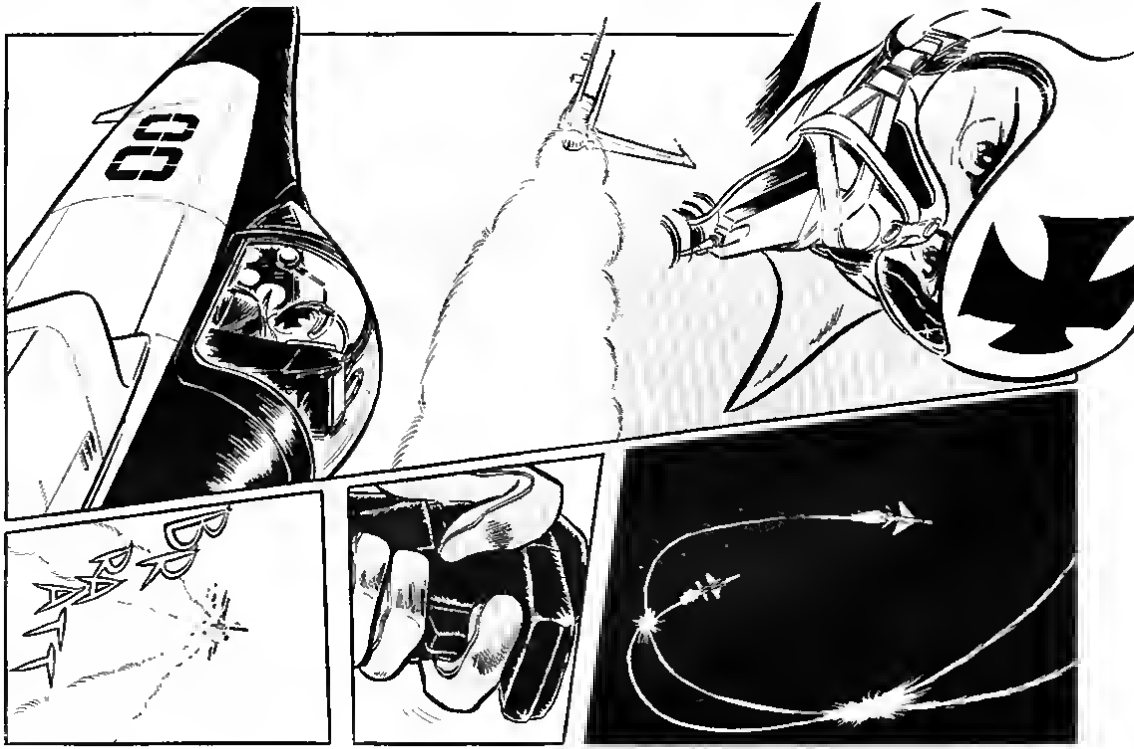
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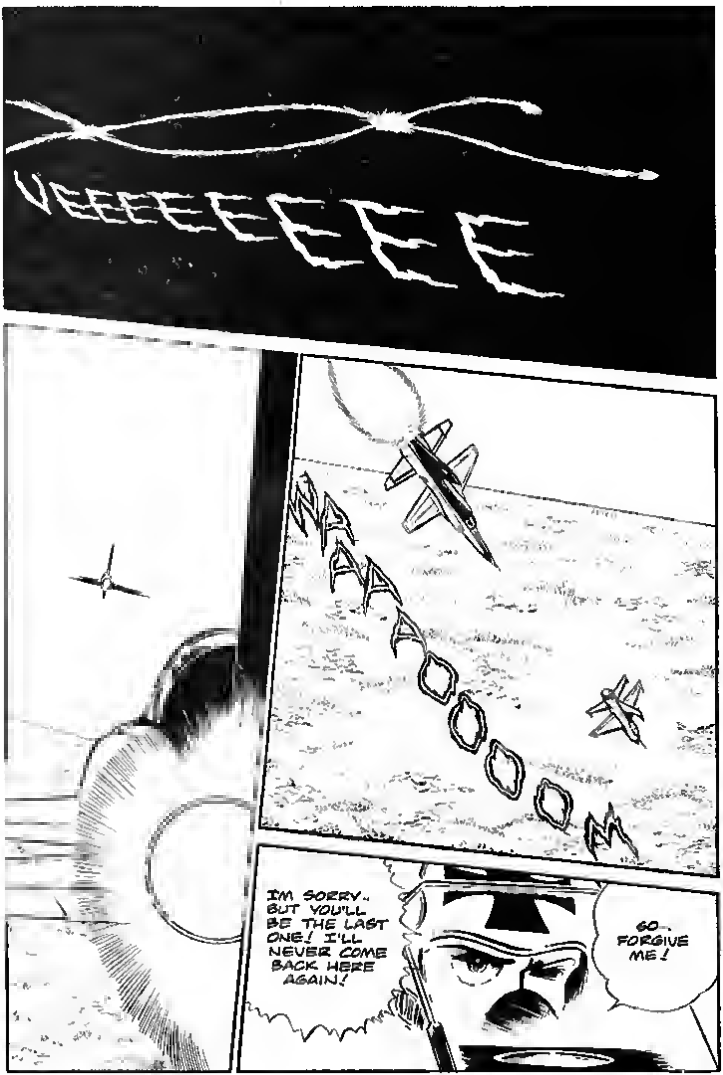
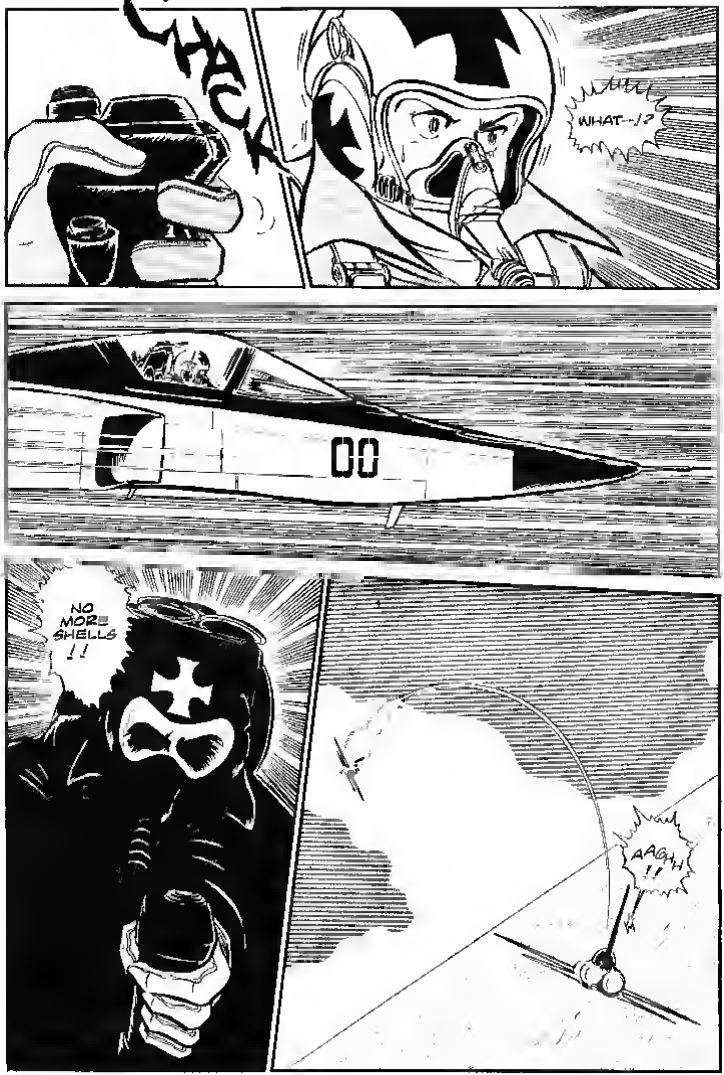
BOOM

ONE MORE PLANE. JUST ONE MORE PLANE TO GO !!
IF I SHOOT DOWN ONE MORE, I'LL HAVE MADE MY ONE AND A HALF MILLION !!
SHAAROOOM
I CAN GO BACK TO JAPAN !!
I WON'T NEED ANY MONEY AFTER THAT!
SHAAAOOOM


VEEEEEEEEE
WAAAOOOOM
I'M SORRY.. BUT YOU'LL BE THE LAST ONE! I'LL NEVER COME BACK HERE AGAIN!
GO... FORGIVE ME!


CHACK
WHAT--!?
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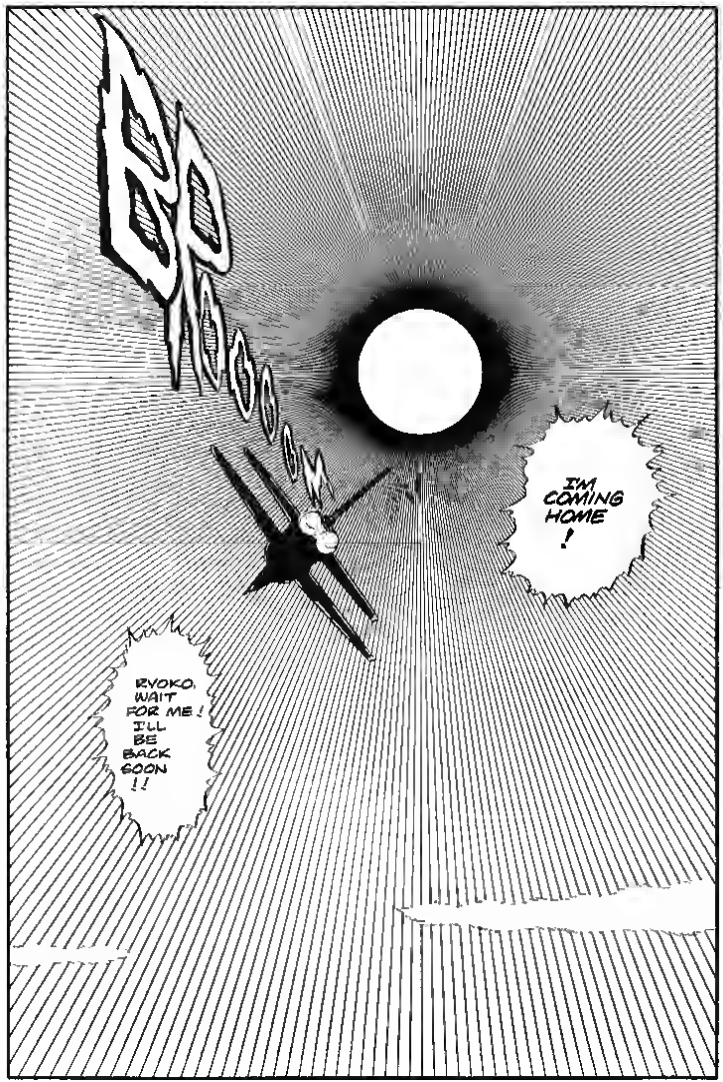
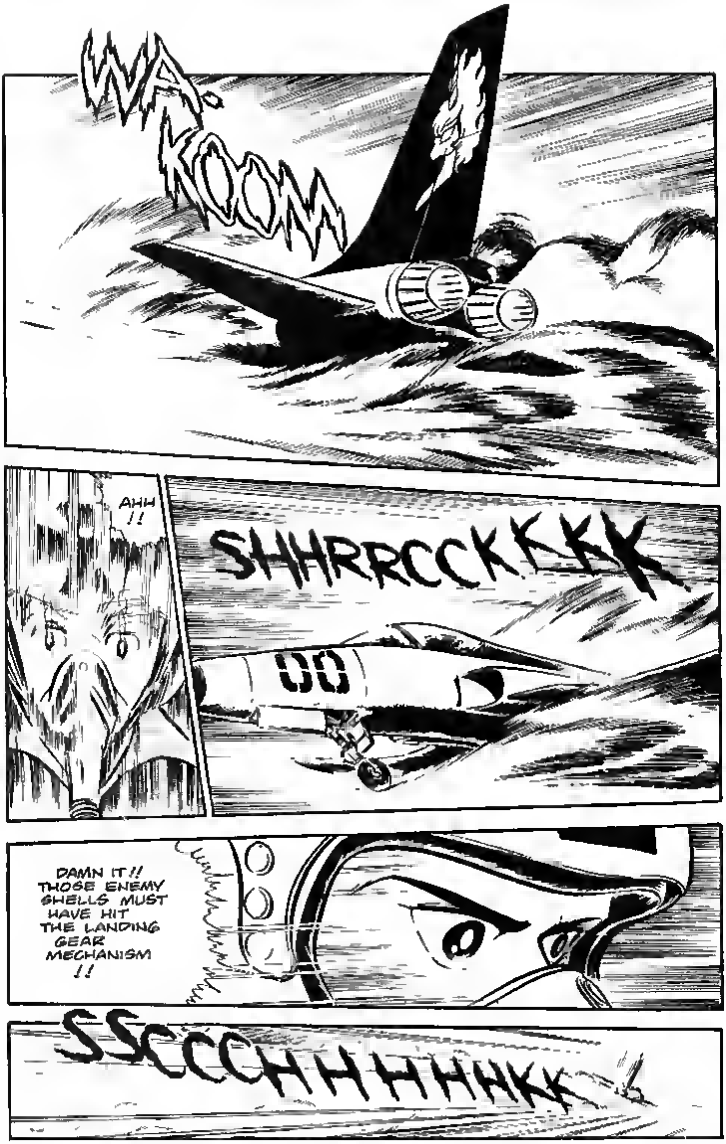
NO MORE SHELLS !!
AAGH !!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
PA-CHOW
PA-CHOW
PA-CHOW
DAMN !
HELL !

SHEOOM
WHEW-- THAT WAS CLOSE!
I HAVEN'T BEEN MYSELF TODAY-- NOT CHECKING THE SHELL QUANTITY INDICATOR...
I'VE GOT TO BE PATIENT... GET SOME REST... I CAN ALWAYS DO IT IN TOMORROW'S OPERATION...
JUST ONE MORE PLANE TO
RYOKO...


GROOOO
I'M COMING HOME!
RYOKO, WAIT FOR ME! I'LL BE BACK SOON!!

SHIII


WA-KOOM
AHH !!
SHHRRCCKKKK
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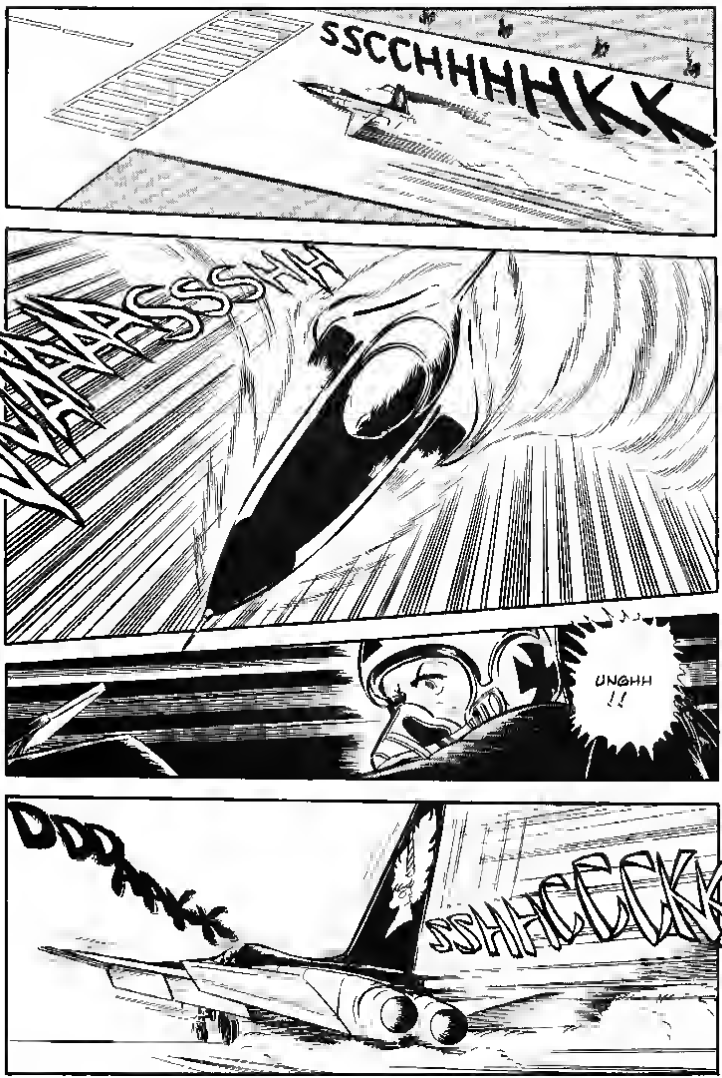
DAMN IT!! THOSE ENEMY SHELLS MUST HAVE HIT THE LANDING GEAR MECHANISM !!
SSCCCHHHHHHKK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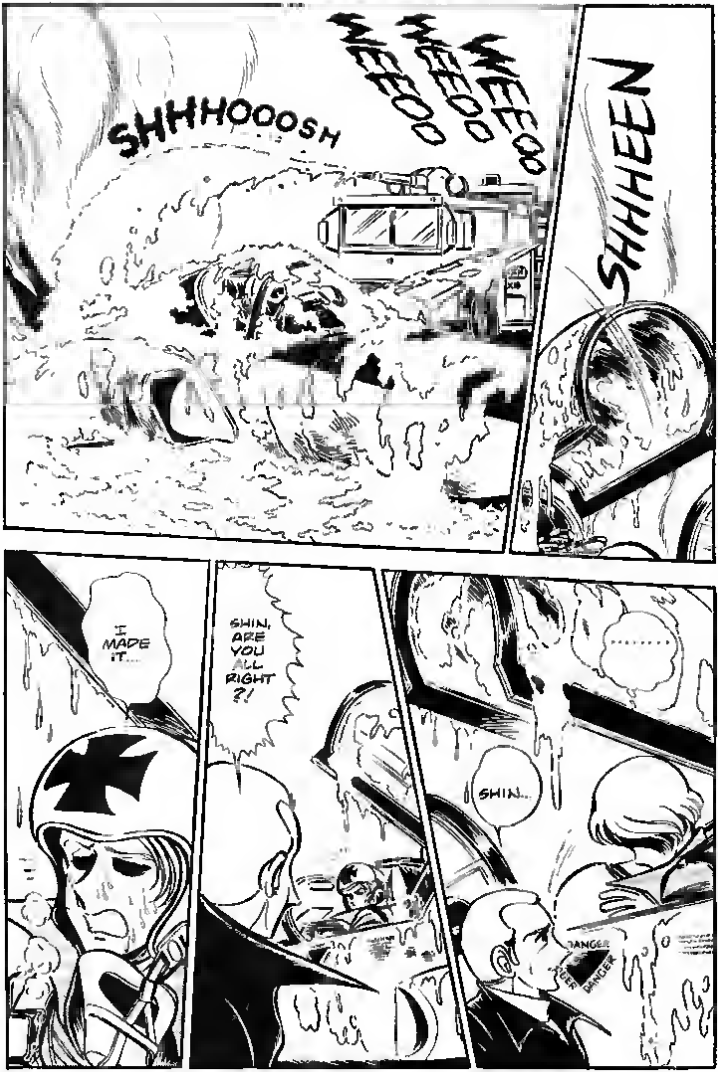
VVAAASSHH
UNGHH !!
DDRRRKK
SSHHCCCKK


SHHHOOOSH
WEEOO WEEOO WEEOO
SHHHEEN
I MADE IT...
SHIN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
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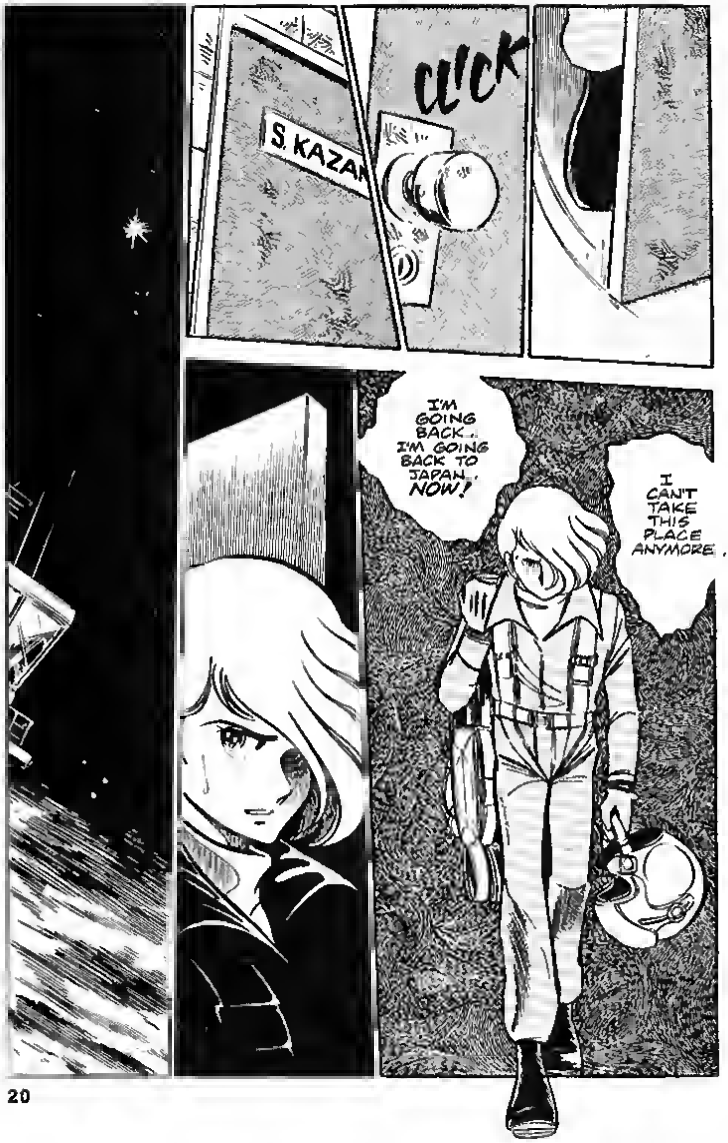
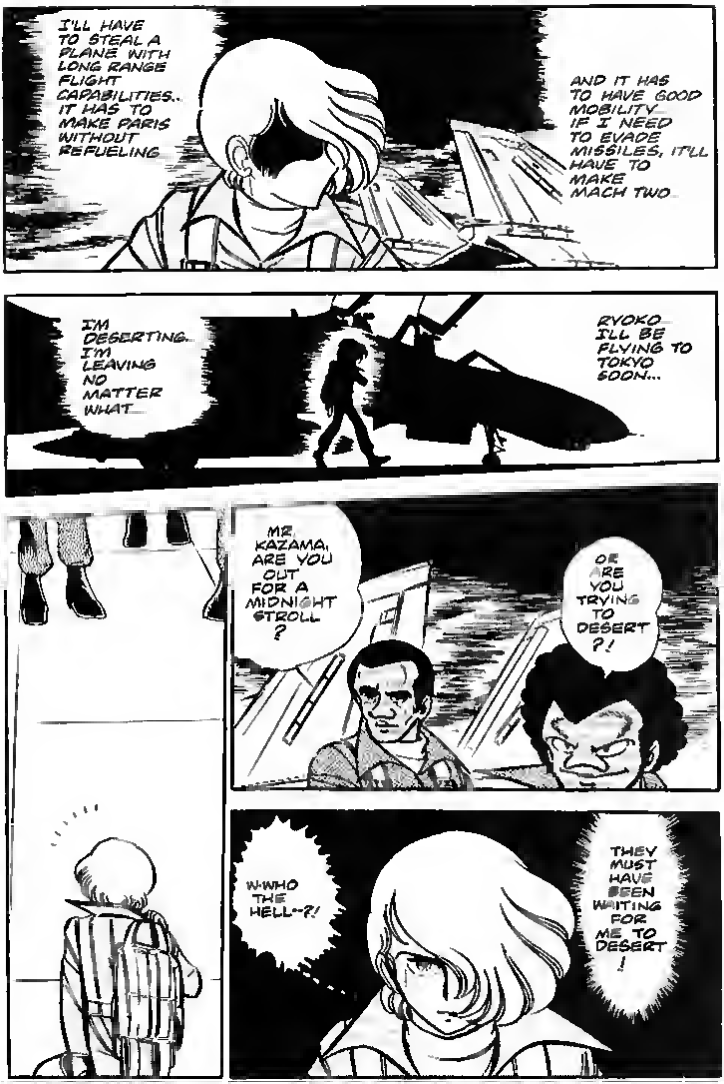
SHIN...
DANGER
DANGER

MCCOY, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO FIX THIS PLANE ?!
SHIN... I THINK YOU'D BETTER BUY A NEW ONE...
I'LL GET YOU THE SAME CLASS OF PLANE AS CHEAPLY AS POSSIBLE BUT IT'LL BE AT LEAST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.
I LOST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE I WAS TRYING TO MAKE 20 THOUSAND! WHAT A FOOL I AM!
DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF AT LEAST YOU'RE ALIVE.
HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE WOULD I HAVE TO KILL BEFORE I MADE BACK MY MONEY?!
...I'D RATHER DIE FIRST !!
SHIN...
IT'S A NATURAL THING TO DO. HE JUST HAD TO GO AFTER THAT LAST PLANE.

HOW UNLUCKY I AM...
JUST ONE LAST PLANE...
BONK
BONK
BONK
THIS PROTECTS YOUR HEAD YOU SHOULD TREAT IT WITH MORE RESPECT, MR KAZAMA.
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! WORRY ABOUT YOUR HEAD, NOT MINE!


S. KAZA
CLICK
I'M GOING BACK... I'M GOING BACK TO JAPAN, NOW!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS PLACE ANYMORE.


I'LL HAVE TO STEAL A PLANE WITH LONG RANGE FLIGHT CAPABILITIES.. IT HAS TO MAKE PARIS WITHOUT REFUELING
AND IT HAS TO HAVE GOOD MOBILITY IF I NEED TO EVADE MISSILES, IT'LL HAVE TO MAKE MACH TWO
IM DESERTING. IM LEAVING NO MATTER WHAT
RYOKO I'LL BE FLYING TO TOKYO SOON...
MR. KAZAMA, ARE YOU OUT FOR A MIDNIGHT STROLL ?
OR ARE YOU TRYING TO DESERT ?!
W-WHO THE HELL--?!
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR ME TO DESERT !

WE KNOW WHY YOU WANT TO LEAVE. YES, WE DO BUT YOU CAN'T DO IT.
YEAH, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM HERE, KAZAMA.
WE'LL MAKE SURE OF THAT.
NO ONE HAS EVER ESCAPED FROM US IN NORTH AFRICA.
DO YOU WANT TO TRY ?
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME LET'S DO IT !
MICK !
I'VE HEARD STORIES ABOUT YOU THREE A TEAM OF BLACK PILOTS WHO KILL DESERTERS... THE ENFORCERS.
THE ENFORCERS !
SAKI BROUGHT YOU HERE.
I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I ?!
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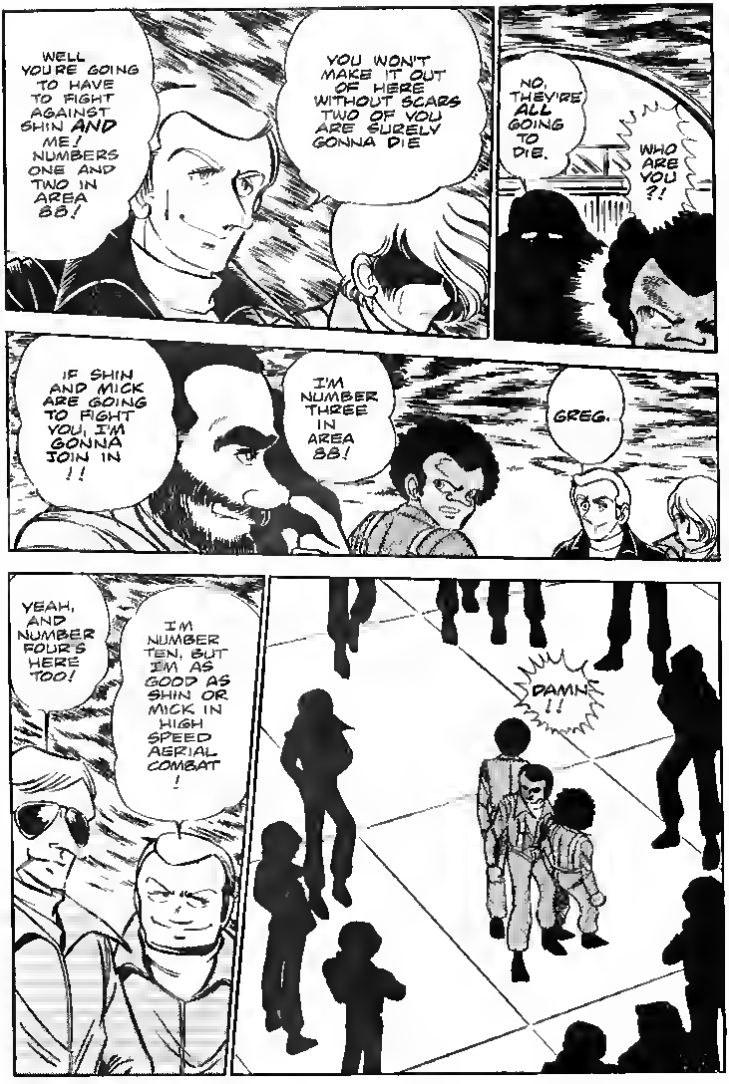
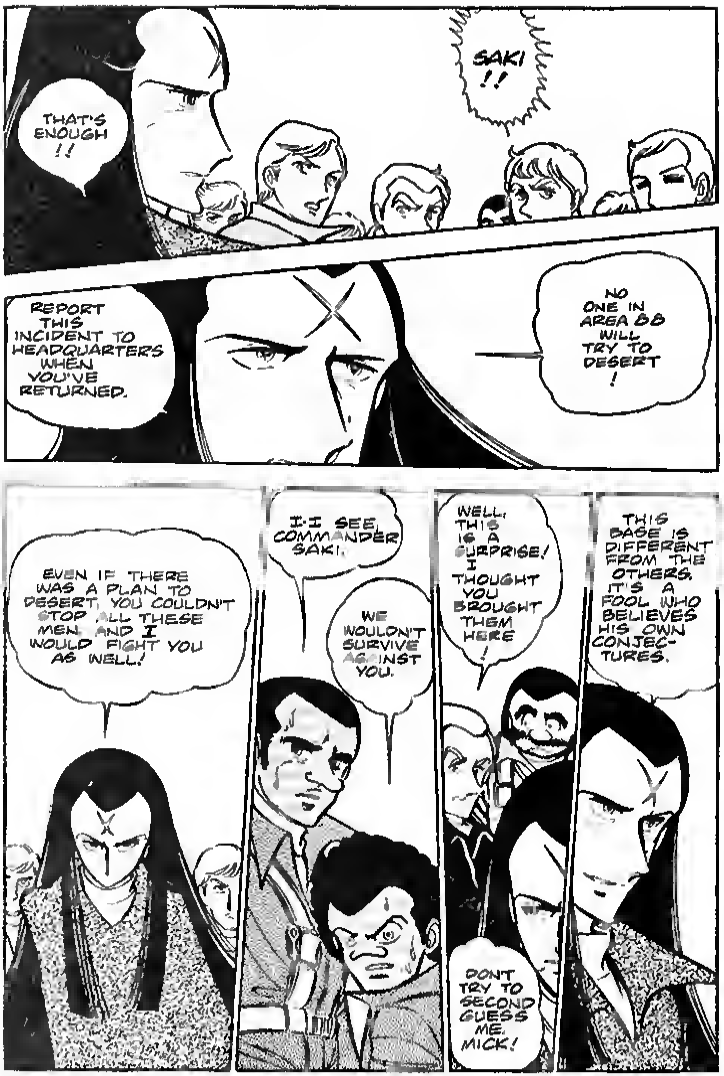
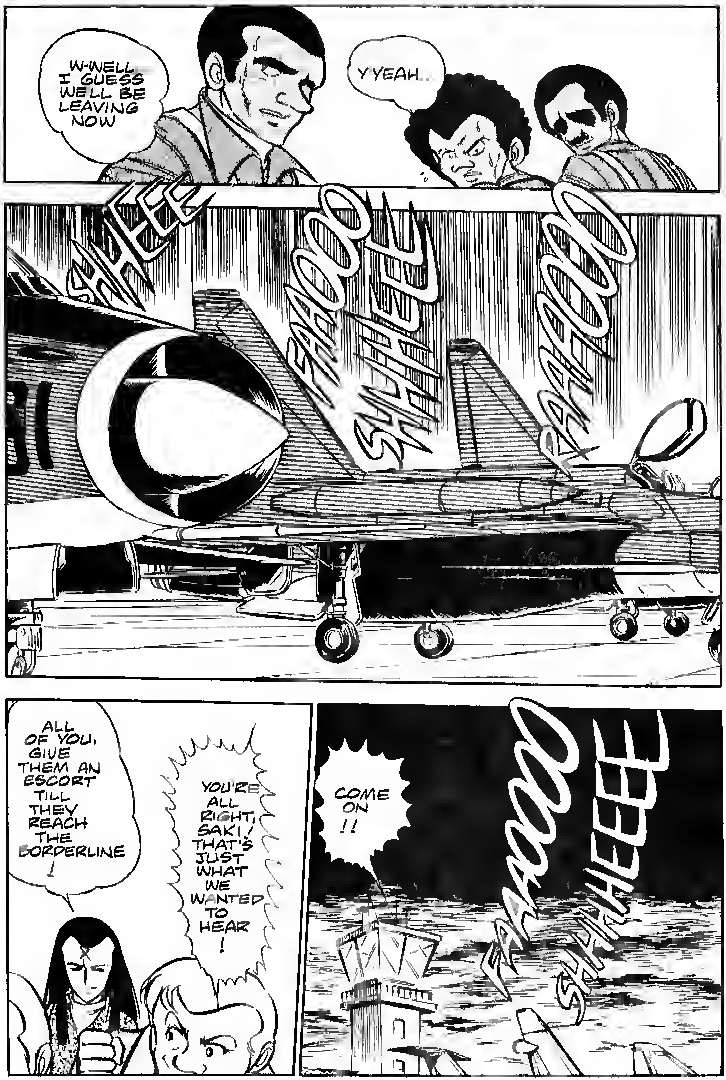
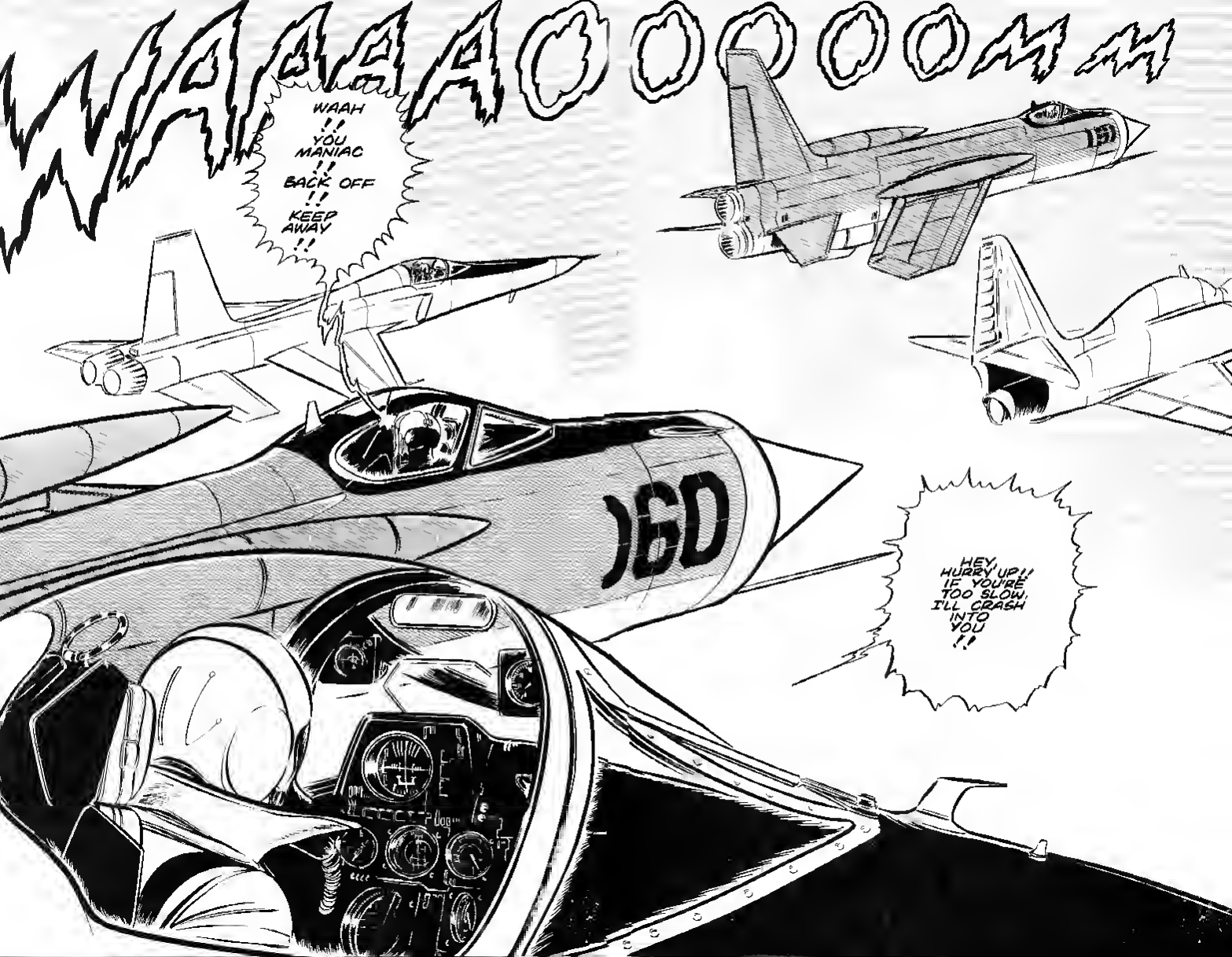

WELL YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST SHIN AND ME! NUMBERS ONE AND TWO IN AREA 88!
YOU WON'T MAKE IT OUT OF HERE WITHOUT SCARS TWO OF YOU ARE SURELY GONNA DIE
NO, THEY'RE ALL GOING TO DIE.
WHO ARE YOU?!
IF SHIN AND MICK ARE GOING TO FIGHT YOU, I'M GONNA JOIN IN!!
I'M NUMBER THREE IN AREA 88!
GREG.
YEAH, AND NUMBER FOUR'S HERE TOO!
I'M NUMBER TEN, BUT I'M AS GOOD AS SHIN OR MICK IN HIGH SPEED AERIAL COMBAT!
DAMN!!

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, ENFORCERS?!
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGHT ALL OF US AND LIVE TO TALK ABOUT?
UH-- UH-- UH--
OH, SHIT!
YEAH, ENFORCERS! LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO!
YOU'LL BE THE BASE CHAMPIONS IN ONE STROKE IF YOU CAN BEAT ALL OF US!
YO! TREATED A GUY WHO'S DONE NOTHING LIKE A DESERTER! YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE!
I WAS BORED BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING. THIS'LL BE GREAT!


SAKI !!
THAT'S ENOUGH !!
REPORT THIS INCIDENT TO HEADQUARTERS WHEN YOU'VE RETURNED.
NO ONE IN AREA 88 WILL TRY TO DESERT !
EVEN IF THERE WAS A PLAN TO DESERT, YOU COULDN'T STOP ALL THESE MEN, AND I WOULD FIGHT YOU AS WELL!
I-I SEE, COMMANDER SAKI.
WE WOULDN'T SURVIVE AGAINST YOU.
WELL, THIS IS A SURPRISE! I THOUGHT YOU BROUGHT THEM HERE !
DON'T TRY TO SECOND GUESS ME, MICK!
THIS BASE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS. IT'S A FOOL WHO BELIEVES HIS OWN CONJECTURES.


W-WELL I GUESS WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW
Y YEAH..
SHEEE
GOOOO
SHEEE
GOOOO
COME ON !!
SHEEE
GOOOO
ALL OF YOU, GIVE THEM AN ESCORT TILL THEY REACH THE BORDERLINE !
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, SAKI ! THAT'S JUST WHAT WE WANTED TO HEAR !

SHAAROOM
VAAAOOOM
SHHHFEEEEFOO
THEY ALL SEEM LIKE A BUNCH OF TROUBLEMAKERS TO ME—
UH !!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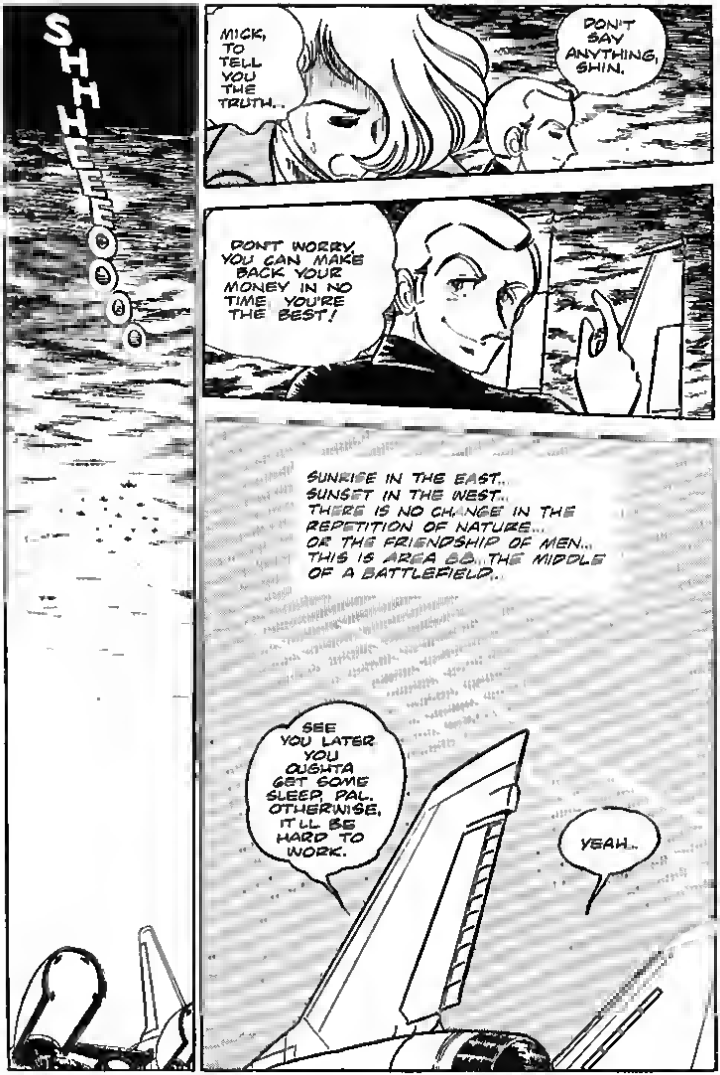
SHHHEEOOO
MICK, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH..
DON'T SAY ANYTHING, SHIN.
DON'T WORRY. YOU CAN MAKE BACK YOUR MONEY IN NO TIME. YOU'RE THE BEST!
SUNRISE IN THE EAST.. SUNSET IN THE WEST.. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE REPETITION OF NATURE... OR THE FRIENDSHIP OF MEN... THIS IS AREA 88...THE MIDDLE OF A BATTLEFIELD..
SEE YOU LATER YOU OUGHTA GET SOME SLEEP, PAL. OTHERWISE, IT'LL BE HARD TO WORK.
YEAH..